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## JAPAN SURRENDERS CENTER CLOSING SET

### WORLD WAR II ENDS

The United Nations today celebrated the end of the war brought about by Japan's unconditional surrender late yesterday.

President Truman announced at 7 p.m. (Eastern War Time) Tuesday receipt of a message from the Japanese Government accepting unconditional surrender and named General MacArthur to formally accept the surrender.

Emperor Hirohito told his people that Japan had accepted unconditional surrender per the Potsdam Declaration and ordered all Japanese armed forces to lay down their arms.

President Truman also declared a two-day holiday for federal employees. Private industries generally were expected to follow suit. Great Britain designated Wednesday and Thursday as official holidays.

The President also announced the end of all Manpower commission controls and said that 7,000,000 men in the armed forces will be released in 12 months.

All Topaz residents and administrative personnel except essential workers will observe today and tomorrow as official holidays, announced Project Director L.T. Hoffman.

### PLANS OF FORCED RELOCATION TOLD

Answering the question uppermost in the residents' minds, Project Director L.T. Hoffman today disclosed that persons who do not make relocation plans in time to insure closing of this center on Nov. 1. will be relocated to their place of legal residence.

All persons still here on Sept. 15 will be moved out during the remaining six weeks on a daily quota basis, Hoffman said. Each resident will be given two weeks in which to choose a departure date and destination before WRA makes his plans for him. At least three days notice, however, will be given before a person is required to leave.

This plan, which will be followed in all Relocation Centers, is WRA's answer to those who have said it will be impossible to close all the projects on schedule, Hoffman said; but it is in no sense a punitive measure.

### REASONS GIVEN

The reason for scheduling terminal departures during the last few weeks, he said, is that we need a relatively even flow to enable us to continue giving individual assistance to center residents in completing their relocation plans and so that we may schedule the use of transportation facilities in such manner as to avoid last minute hardships.

"It should be obvious now that there will be no residue populations left in the Centers after the closing dates and that WRA will not keep one or more Centers open as some evacuees have predicted," Hoffman said.

He pointed out that involuntary relocatees will not be sent into districts where temporary housing is not available, and said it is expected that WRA soon will have an announcement to make about temporary housing on the West Coast sufficient to take care of the immediate needs of Topaz residents.

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### POTSDAM ULTIMATUM

1. Elimination for all time of the authority and influence "of those who have deceived and misled the people of Japan into embarking on world conquest."

2. Occupation of Key points in Japanese territory until a new order of peace, security and justice is established.

3. Limitation under the Cairo declaration of Japanese sovereignty to the islands of Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu, Shikoku and such minor islands as the victors later designate.

4. Complete disarmament of Japanese military forces and their return to their homes.

5. Removal by the Japanese government of all obstacles to strengthening of democracy.

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